

Immunization Requirements for Children Enrolled in Missouri Child Care and Preschool Facilities as of July 1, 2010

Young children are more susceptible to serious complications associated with certain diseases and have different immunization requirements than older children.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) allows a 4-day grace period (meaning 4 or fewer days prior to the recommended interval or age); so public, private, parochial day care centers, preschools or nursery school attendees may receive immunizations up to 4 days before they are due.

Vaccines should be administered according to the current ACIP Schedule. The ACIP Recommended Immunization Schedule for Persons Aged 0–6 Years is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/child-schedule.htm>. **Please note** - Although not required for attending child care or preschool facilities, the ACIP recommends all children be appropriately immunized with rotavirus, influenza, and hepatitis A vaccine.

The following table indicates immunizations required for children enrolled in or attending child care and preschool facilities in Missouri. This table is for use in completing the child care immunization survey, and is **NOT** a recommended schedule. It should only be used to determine whether a child is in compliance with Missouri child care regulations.

Vaccines Required for Child Care and Preschool Attendance	DOSES REQUIRED BY THE TIME THE CHILD IS			
	3 Months	5 Months	7 Months	19 Months and older
DTaP/DT	1	2	3	4+
PCV (Pneumococcal)	1	2	3	4
IPV (Polio)	1	2	2	3+
Hepatitis B	2	2	2 or 3+	3+
Hib	1	1+	2+	3+
MMR				1
Varicella				1



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The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services recently revised the Code of State Regulations, Immunization Requirements for School Children, 19 CSR 20-28.010, and Day Care Immunization Rule, 19 CSR 20-28.040. These rules establish the minimum immunization requirements for children enrolled in Missouri public, private, and parochial schools, day cares, preschools, or nursery schools. These revisions include:

School Children

Effective beginning the **2010-2011** school year the following **new** requirements will be implemented:

- Second dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine for all children entering kindergarten.

If the kindergarten child has had varicella (chickenpox) disease, a licensed doctor of medicine (MD) or doctor of osteopathy (DO) may sign and place on file with the school a written statement documenting the month and year of previous varicella (chickenpox) disease as satisfactory evidence of having had the disease. Parental or guardian statements of disease will no longer be accepted beginning with the 2010-2011 school year for children entering kindergarten.

This rule change applies to children entering kindergarten and thereafter. For children enrolled in grades one (1) through five (5), only one dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine is required. Parental or guardian statements of disease continue to be acceptable.

- Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) vaccine will be required for all incoming eighth (8th) grade students if the child has completed the recommended childhood DTaP/DTP vaccination series and has not received a Td booster within the past two (2) years.

For children enrolled in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) who have not received a single dose of Td, it is highly recommended they receive a single dose of Tdap as their catch-up booster instead of Td or receive one dose of Tdap two years after the last Td dose.

Day Care, Preschool, Nursery School Children

Effective **July 1, 2010** the following **new** requirements will be implemented:

- Age appropriate pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) for children attending day care, preschool, or nursery schools caring for ten or more children.
- For all children who have had varicella (chickenpox) disease, a licensed doctor of medicine (MD) or doctor of osteopathy (DO) may sign and place on file with the child care facility a written statement documenting the month and year of previous varicella (chickenpox) disease as satisfactory evidence of having had the disease. Parental or guardian statements of disease will no longer be acceptable beginning July 1, 2010.

For additional information, contact the Bureau of Immunization Assessment and Assurance at (573) 751-6124. Our public health system relies on every dedicated health professional to ensure the health of Missourians.

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